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**DATE** : 2016. 07. 14 (Thursday)

**TO** : Seoul Central District Court (서울중앙지방법원, 형사 17 단독)  
Judge PARK, Sarang (박사랑 판사님)

**TITLE** : RE: Case 2015 Godan 4685 Intimidation (2015 고단 4685 협박)

Dear Judge Park,

On July 10, 2015 the U.S. Embassy Seoul became aware of two threats pasted to the U.S. Government website, Whitehouse.gov.

In one post, the writer alleged he would orchestrate a re-attack against Ambassador Lippert and kill him. The second was a threat posted against President Obama's family.

Because the IP addresses were located in Korea, we provided the attached documents which came directly from the United States Secret Service, which include the IP address and date/time stamp where the threats originated, to the Korean National Police. Although the document has an email address along the top, please be aware that the email address is self-reported, and the writer did not actually send the threats via email, but posted them directly onto the Whitehouse.gov government site.

The U.S. Embassy's Regional Security Office, as a representative of the U.S. Government, brought these events to the attention of Korean National Police and requested a full investigation. If it was determined that the threats met the elements of a crime within the Korean Criminal Code, we asked that the offender be held fully accountable under the laws as permitted by statute.

The U.S. Government, and in particular the Regional Security Office, takes attempts at intimidation and inducing fear into U.S. Government envoys particularly seriously, especially in light of the 2015 attack on Ambassador Lippert. The Regional Security Office is responsible for the safety and security not

only for the U.S. Ambassador in Korea, but also the other Diplomatic personnel, their families, and employees working at the embassy. When a specific threat is made, whether it be to the U.S. Ambassador, or a member of the Presidential household, it causes fear and results in a significant amount of additional work and coordination between both U.S. Security personnel, as well as host country protective elements to ensure the safety of the U.S. Envoy.

We appreciate your consideration and assistance with this matter.

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